

returns again to Study with greater Alacrity, than when it is glutted with ideal Pleasures, and surfeited with Intemperance of Application. He that will not suffer himself to be discouraged by fancied Impossibilities, may sometimes find his Abilities invigorated by the Necessity of exerting them in short Intervals, as the Force of a Current is increased by the Contraction of its Channel.

From some Cause like this, it has probably proceeded, that among those who have contributed to the Advancement of Learning, many have risen to Eminence in Opposition to all the Obstacles, which external Circumstances could place in their Way, amidst the Tumult of Business, the Distresses of Poverty, or the Dissipations of a wandering and unsettled State. A great Part of the Life of Erasmus was one continual Peregrination; all supplied with the Gifts of Fortune, and led from City to City, and from Kingdom to Kingdom, by the Hopes of Patrons and Preferment, Hopes which always flattered and always deceived him; he yet found Means by unshaken Constancy, and a vigilant Improvement of those Hours, which, in the midst of the most restless Activity, will remain unengaged, to write more than another in the same Condition would have hoped to read. Compelled by Want to Attendance and Solicitation, and so much versed in common Life, that he has transmitted to us the most perfect Delineation of the Manners of his Age; he joined to his Knowledge of the World, such Application to Books, that he will stand for ever in the first Rank of literary Heroes. How this Proficiency was obtained he sufficiently discovers, by informing us, that the *Praise of Folly*, one of his most celebrated Performances, was composed by him on the Road to Italy; *ne totum illud tempus quo egro fuit infidendum, illud rursus fabulis teneretur*, left the Hours which he was obliged to spend on Horseback, should be rattled away without Regard to Literature.

A *Italian Philosopher* expressed in his Motto, that *Time was his Estate*; an Estate, indeed, which will produce nothing without Cultivation, but will always abundantly repay the Labours of Industry, and generally satisfy the most extensive Desires, if no Part of it be suffered to lie Waste by Negligence, to be over-run with noxious Plants, or laid out for show rather than for Use.

WILLIAMSBURG, June 11.

SUNDAY the 23d of May the associated Volunteers marched from Fredericksburg and arrived at Winchester on Wednesday, all in good Health and high Spirits, and encamped at Col. Wood's Fort, about half a Mile from Town. On Friday a Woman came to Town, and advised, That two Boys were missing in the Neighbourhood, supposed to be carried off by the Indians; on which Captains Carter and Eppes, with six Men from each Company, were ordered out in Quest of them: Col. Washington also ordered out an Officer with 25 Men, from the Virginia Regiment, but Advice arriving of the Return of the two Boys, the Troops were ordered back. Sunday the 30th for Want of a Chaplain, Prayers were read in the Camp by Capt. Bernard Moore. The same Day Col. Innes arrived from Fort Cumberland, with between 60 and 70 Men, with Implements and Materials for a Fort which is building at Winchester.

Saturday the 29th, an Express arrived from Cox's Fort, with Advice, That the Indians had killed and scalped two Men belonging to it, that were out a Hunting, wounded a third, and a fourth was missing, of the Party which consisted of Seven; that they drew up on an Eminence near the Fort and fired at it several Times.

Col. Innes is arrived here from Fort Cumberland, and acquaints us, That that, and the other Forts are in a good Posture of Defence, and under no Apprehensions of any Attack.

Capt. Stalnacker who was taken Prisoner by the Shawanese, the 18th of June last, on Holston's River, and has been at the Shawanese Towns and Ouabach Fort ever since, till the tenth of last Month, when he made his Escape from them, is come to this Town, and informs us, That the Evening before he made his Escape, 1000 Indians and six French Officers came to the Shawanese Town, designed for Fort Duquesne, to wait there sometime to see whether any Attempt would be made upon it, and if not, to disperse themselves, and fall upon the Frontiers of Virginia and Pennsylvania: He reports that the Number of fighting Men in those Towns don't exceed 220; that there are no French amongst them except a few Traders, nor have they any Forts; that from thence to Fort Ouabach is about 140 Miles, and from our back Settlements about 300.

Yesterday Twenty-two Men drafted from Isle of Wight, marched thro' this City for Fredericksburg, under the Command of Major Richard Baker.

This Week Colonel Washington and Captain George Mercer, came to Town from Winchester, and inform us, That the Associates under Colonel Peyton Randolph, were all well, and designed to march very soon for Fort Cumberland.

The Public is desired to beware of the Counterfeit Five Pounds Bills of this Colony, as several are now passing. Among a Number of Bills they may deceive, but the least Inspection into any Part

will easily discover the Difference. Such as we have seen, appear to be done from a Copper-Plate. The Slip on the Right-Hand is almost a Blot; in the Word ACT, there is no Stroke thro' the A, in the Signer's Name the Ink is much deeper Red, and all the Letters are very ill made. There are likewise some Ten Shilling Bills, done much in the same Manner; and we hear there are forged Bills of other Denominations also passing, but as we have not seen any of them, we cannot describe them.

NEW-YORK, June 21.

Last Tuesday Morning came up from Falmouth, in six Weeks and three Days, the Harriot Packet, Capt. Bonnel, but has brought no later News than what we had. In her came Passengers several German Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Corporals, Drummers, &c. belonging to Colonel Prevost, of the fourth Battalion of the Royal American Regiment: And we hear they are about setting off for Pennsylvania to raise Men.

And in the Evening arrived at Sandy-Hook, in nine Weeks and three Days from Plymouth, his Majesty's Ship the Grafton, of 74 Guns, Commodore Holmes; and the Nottingham, of 60 Guns, Capt. Marshall, having the Essex, Capt. Grainger, the Fortrose, Capt. Mackenzie, the Sydenham, Capt. Wilcox, and the Longville, Capt. Staples, Transport Ships, under their Convoy. They parted Company on the 3d Instant, in a strong Gale of Wind, with the Charleston, Capt. Lad, and Wilmington, Capt. Penny, two other of the Transports, who may be hourly expected.

On Wednesday Morning the Essex, Fortrose, Sydenham and Longville, came into the Harbour; and about Eleven o'Clock landed Major General Abercrombie, Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North-America; as also Capt. James Abercrombie, of the Highlanders, Aid de Camp; and Lieutenant William Abercrombie, of the Royal American Regiment, who came Passengers in the Grafton, but she being too large to come into the Hook, they came up in one of the Transports, and were saluted by the Cannon on the Battery.

Return of the Officers, Sergeants, Drummers, and private Men, of the (Otway's) 35th Regiment of Foot, on board the Transport Ships.

In the Essex, came Lieut. Col. Monro, Capt. Ince, Captain Lieutenant Gardiner, Lieutenants Bailie, Itherel, Bamford, and Gore; Ensign Welin, and Surgeon Wilkins; together with 18 Sergeants, 8 Drummers, and 200 Men.

In the Fortrose, came Capt. Cunningham, Lieutenants Widderington and Cane, Ensigns Cumberford, Philipse, and Ormsby; also 9 Sergeants, 5 Drummers, and 100 Men.

In the Sydenham, came Capt. Bellew, Lieut. Belcher, Ensigns Brown, Mason, and Allen, William Penredy, Surgeon's Mate, and 9 Sergeants, 3 Drummers, and 104 private Men.

Return of the (Lord John Murray's) 42d Regiment, being Highlanders, as on board the different Transports.

In the Longville, came Lieutenant Col. Grant, Capt. McNeal, Lieutenants Grant, Graham and Campbell, Ensigns Grant and Cockburn, and 6 Sergeants, 1 Drummer, and 120 private Men.

On board the Charleston; Capt. Graham, Lieutenants Campbell, Sir James Cockburn, and Turnbull, Ensign Allen Grant; Daniel Robertson, Surgeon's Mate's; and Ensign Hart, of the Royal Americans; with 4 Sergeants, 4 Drummers, and 118 private Men.

On board the Wilmington, Captains Reid, Campbell and Grzeme, Lieutenants Gray, Farquharson, and Tolmie, and David Hepburn Surgeon; with 13 Sergeants, 3 Drummers, and 235 private Men.

In all 59 Sergeants, 24 Drummers, and 877 private Men: Total 960, besides the Officers.

Return of the Officers belonging to the Royal American Regiment, on board the Nottingham Man of War.

Major Prevost, Capt. Herbert, Lieutenants Gallot, Fesck, Brehm, and Weissfemel, 11 Sergeants, 8 Corporals, and 2 Drummers.

On board the Grafton, one Sergeant.

Besides the above Officers in the Royal American Regiment, there are arrived here the Captains Weltertroom and Marcus Prevost: Lieutenant Schlosser, Van Ingen, E. Meyers, Ecuyer, Grandidier, Ochterlony, Iles, Ratfen, Gugsy, and Van Ingen. The Rev. Mr. Gaspar, Chaplain. Heidler and Jamet, Bombardiers. Hoffely, a Miner. Cadets and Sergeants, 25. Drum-major 1.

Upwards of One Thousand Men more are completing in England for the Aid of these Colonies; and are to sail as soon as possible.

The Nancy Store-ship, John Long Master, for Halifax, took the Benefit of the above Convoy from Plymouth, and parted with them in the Gale of Wind above mentioned.

When the Transports left Plymouth Admiral Holbourn was getting under Sail, with a strong Fleet to cruise off Ushant; and some of his Squadron saw Commodore Holmes a considerable Way out of the Channel, and then return'd.

A Vessel at Portsmouth was preparing for Lord Loudon, and was to sail with him about a Fortnight or three Weeks after the Fleet.

Capt. Richards of this Port from London, was spoke with by the Fleet about the Time the Gale happened, and parted in Company with the two Transports.

On Saturday Morning both the Men of War weigh'd and put to Sea, as the Weather seem'd lowering, and Wind to incline on Shore. They are bound to Halifax, and the Commodore is Commander in Chief of the Navy in North-America.

General Abercrombie and General Webb are to embark this Day for Albany, with the Troops that came in the Transports.

As soon as it was known that his Majesty's Ships the Grafton and Nottingham were arrived off Sandy-Hook, a very handsome Refreshment was sent down to the Officers and private Men, consisting of Oxen, Sheep, Fowls, Strawberries, Cherries, Pease, &c. which proved a very acceptable Present.

Extract of a Letter from Albany, dated June 8.

"Sir William Johnson left his Seat the 3d Instant, for Onondago; he has about 150 Mohawks and River Indians, and Capt. Patten's Company of Grenadiers to guard him.

I am, &c."

In our last we mentioned a Rumour of the Death of Lieutenant Lowe, in an Action at Still-Water, near Saraghtoga: The following Letter from Still-Water, dated 10th of June instant, is the Particulars of the Action, and proves the Rumour false, viz.

"A few Days ago I sent a Party of 25 Men to fetch some Boards over from the other Side of the River. After they had loaded their Battoes, eight of the Party staid behind to gather a greater Number of Boards against the Return of the Boats; but whilst they were at Work, they were attacked by about sixty French and Indians, and drove down to the Water Side, opposite to our Camp, where we could see the Enemy on the Edge of the Bank. Upon this we dispatched 60 of our Men, under Cover of the Cannon we have here, which playing a-crofs soon dispersed the Enemy, and they made off before our People got over. We pursued them for some Miles, but to no Purpose. The Men killed and scalped are Edward Colebruff, of Capt. Thodey's Company; and George Dyckman, Edward Daley, and Barnabas McQuid, of Capt. Brewerton's Company. The Bodies of the three first we found, but the other's we could not, only his Cloaths: The other four of the eight returned safe."

Extract of a Letter from Albany, dated June 11.

"This Morning a Party of French and Indians came within a Mile of Town, and carried off one Sharp and his Son. As soon as the General received the above Intelligence, he immediately sent a Party of our Indians in Pursuit of them; who came upon their Tracks, and found a Parcel of Sheep that belonged to Sharp, which the Indians were carrying off, and brought them back, but could not come up with the Enemy. A General Court-Martial is to sit this Day. A Number of Stockbridge Indians are come to Town, amongst whom is King Jacob."

By a Gentleman, that arrived here last Week is 13 Days from Midway, in Georgia, we are informed, That a Sachem, belonging to the Creek Nation of Indians, was arrived at that Place, and affirmed for Fact, that their Nation had declared War against the Cherokees; that several Parties of their People were some Time before gone out in order to destroy every Cherokee they could meet with; that the Cherokees had ordered all the English Traders to withdraw from amongst them; but that the Report of some Frenchmen being seen amongst them was entirely groundless; that a Party of 70 Creeks had been as far down as the Coast of Florida, where they killed and captivated all the Indians they found at that Place, save five that by some Means or other got off alive.

Extract of a Letter from St. Christophers, dated May 21, 1756.

"We have a certain Account, that a French Gun Ship, and the Warwick (which they took from us) with a Frigate, were all three of them to sail last

last Friday, to convey Martinico; and on their wayward; and that they had taken France. But they have these Seas, besides the Man

CHARLES-TOWN, S

Just arrived, a Sloop in by which we learn, that in there (the Ship *Gale* London, which he left about said, that in coming out, Westward, he met with Gun Ships, commanded Lieutenant of which came that the Admirals *Haw* in with the *Brest* Fleet two Divisions, off *Cape* them. The same Sloop *St. Eustatia*, where was a Days from *Plymouth*, that he had heard of *Ad* having taken 3 French *M* nisterre, and driven 3 m he came out of *Plymouth* large French Ships going either Transports or *M* like Account from *Antig* By the same Sloop, we *English* Merchant-Men b *es*, one a Schooner belong the Coast of *Guinea*, the *ginia*, and the third, as y We hear, that 5 Com luntiers, for the Expedit Encroachments in *North* ing about the middle of *Virginia*.

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